

Wednesday, October 29 2003

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Dear Commissioner Copps,

I am a graduate student at Purdue University who is concerned with the proposed broadcast flag. The movie and recording industries have legitimate concerns about piracy but these concerns are no different than in any other era. The solutions they claim are necessary, however, are more severe than ever before. As an academic I am concerned that such laws will hamper innovation and fair use and prevent content from entering the public domain even after time a reasonable amount of time has passed.

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I'm getting tired of my legal use rights getting trampled by companies losing money not due to piracy but due to crappy products. Don't punish end users because you can't write good scripts and bring in ratings, write better scripts or hire better writers.

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William Valentine
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The MPAA has repeatedly shown a malevolent disregard for the consumer in their pursuit of technology measures that restrict legitimate paying customers at least as much as the pirates they claim to be targeting. This approach is counter to the spirit of a free market, and should absolutely not be supported by law. The MPAA and the RIAA both need to realize that the way to survive in a competitive marketplace is to provide the product the consumer wishes to have, not to pursue legal restriction of all alternatives.

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Wednesday, October 29 2003

Commissioner Michael J. Copps
445 12th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20554

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The digital television transition relies on convincing consumers of the benefits of switching to and buying digital television equipment. That transition will be far more palatable to me as a consumer if switching doesn't mean discarding my existing home network, buying new high-resolution displays, and finding room for yet another device in my living room. Please do not allow the MPAA and its allies to hinder the transition by making us buy special-purpose DTV devices that are more expensive and less valuable.

In addition, I am very concerned about the fair-use implications of the broadcast flag. With today's technology, I can be more than a passive recipient of content -- I can modify, create, and participate. I can record TV to watch later; clip a small piece of TV and splice it into a home movie; send an email clip of my child's football game to a distant relative; or record a TV program onto a DVD and play it at my friend's apartment. The broadcast flag seems designed to remove this control and flexibility that I enjoy.

If the move to digital television does not make the public's viewing experience more enjoyable, flexible, and exciting, what compelling reason do I have as a consumer to buy new digital equipment? A prettier TV picture is hardly enough reason for me to dispense with all my current consumer electronics and computer equipment. As a citizen and consumer of broadcast television, I urge you to promote the digital transition by opposing the broadcast flag.

Sincerely,

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Dear Commissioner Copps,

I don't accept the argument that the RIAA and MPAA present that a broadcast flag is required to protect the industries intellectual property. Just the sheer size of high definition images will restrict the practicality of file sharing. It would take days or weeks for high definition images to be downloaded or uploaded across the Internet.

I am only interested in protecting my fair use of broadcast programs. Everyone is working harder and longer these days, and I want to retain my right to record and replay broadcast TV for my personal convenience on any device I own in my home. This includes my home PC as well as other audio/video devices.

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Thank you for your consideration.

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